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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Mission Alerts for Sundays and [REDACTED]

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1. Effective 26 December 1968, the normal Friday afternoon alert weather briefing will include an additional look at the weather outlook for a possible IDEALIST/TACKLE operational mission with a Zulu time Monday takeoff i.e., Sunday night Eastern Time. This decision will be made on Friday afternoon based on the weather outlook for the 24 hours following the regular alert valid period and is required due to the difficulty in coordinating/obtaining alert approvals with [REDACTED] on Sundays and certain holidays.

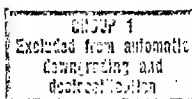
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2. The low skill in such a long range forecast has been considered; however, to meet [REDACTED] it is necessary to utilize the outlook to make this decision on Friday afternoon.

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3. If a negative alert is announced on Friday for a Zulu time Monday mission (Sunday night EST), telephone coordination will not be required on Saturday. In the event a mission is alerted then another look at the weather forecast will be made on Saturday afternoon at 1500 to determine if the countdown will continue or if the mission will be cancelled. All OSA staff members who normally attend alert weather briefings will be in attendance.

4. The Sunday telephone alert system for a possible mission on Monday night will continue as in the past.

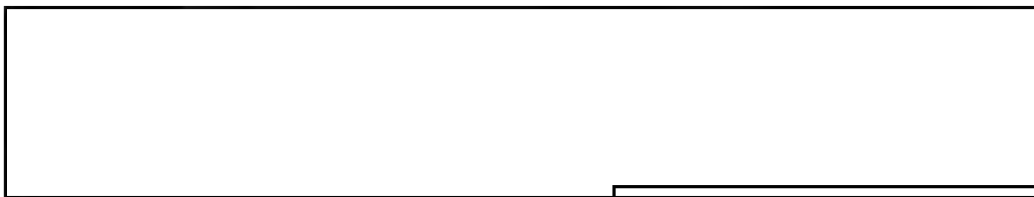


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